

OXFORD FREIGHT TRAIN LENGTHENING PROJECT, COLAS RAIL MORGAN SINDALL



BIODIVERSITY ENHANCEMENT OVERVIEW

The Freight Train Lengthening Project consists of infrastructure enhancement and improvement works at a number of locations along the railway route between Southampton and the West Midlands to allow long freight trains (775m) to operate while improving the availability of paths for passenger and other trains so that they are not delayed by the freight train traffic.

One of the sites at which infrastructure enhancements is taking place is between Oxford and Wolvercote Junction.

The project also comprises the following biodiversity enhancements:

- Biodiversity areas established in the site compound which included bird feeders, flowering plants and vegetables.
- The planting area was constructed from materials available on site – sleepers and drainage materials.
- Bird boxes were installed in trees around the site compound to compensate for de-vegetation works on site and two bird boxes were donated to the local school behind the site as well.
- Finches have been observed using one of the bird boxes.



Fact box

Company name:

Morgan Sindall

Project name:

Colas Rail Morgan Sindall Joint Venture – Oxford Freight Train Lengthening Project

Location:

Oxford

Biodiversity enhancement:

- Planting areas
- Bird boxes

Size:

N/A

Cost:

Minimal costs

Tips:

- Gets workforce involved and raises awareness by providing information about wildlife
- Enhanced the appearance of the site compound during construction as the biodiversity area was located on the entrance to the site offices.

Year completed:

2014

Categories:

- Small scale temporary
- Community engagement